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New Board Members Help Mi Casa Move toward Vision

New members bring programmatic and entrepreneurial expertise to support Mi Casa's movement toward an integrated model of service delivery and sustainability via social enterprise

February 25, 2013 (DENVER): Mi Casa Resource Center is delighted to welcome three new board members whose skills, experience and leadership will be invaluable as Mi Casa moves to expand and integrate program services, as well as launch social enterprise strategies. Mi Casa is pleased to welcome these three professionals to our Board of Directors:

- Christiano Sosa, Director of Capacity Building for The Denver Foundation
- Amy Khan, Vice Provost of the University of the Rockies
- John Reyes, Business Banker with JPMorgan Chase

Christiano Sosa is the Director of Capacity Building at The Denver Foundation. He started his career in philanthropy at a young age, steadily ascending to numerous leadership positions within the world of philanthropy and nonprofits at the local and national level. As the former Executive Director of the Northern Colorado AIDS Project, Sosa is able to balance the work of fundraising and donor perspectives in his current community work. Sosa is a Colorado Trust Fellow and graduate of the Anti-Defamation League Glass Partners-in-Leadership Institute. For the last seven years, Sosa has taught courses in "Wealth and Philanthropy" and "Resource Development" in the Masters of Nonprofit Management Program at Regis University. Sosa is co-founder of the Colorado HIV/AIDS Community Partnership that led to the merger of four of the five largest AIDS Projects in the state.

Amy Kahn has over 20 years of experience focused on strategic business alignment and integration with the overarching goal of establishing the appropriate supporting infrastructure to support management solutions. Kahn is experienced in marketing, business operations, strategic diversity management, change management, guiding and leading executive councils and teams, executive

coaching, communications and community outreach. Kahn holds a PhD in Human and Organizational Systems.

John Reyes, a Business Banker with JPMorgan Chase, assists businesses with complex financial issues and advises them on how to boost efficiency and improve cash flow. Reyes, an eight-year Marine Corps veteran, is a seasoned entrepreneur, having launched a number of businesses, including a retail store, a café, an insurance and investment agency, and an outdoor adventure company. Reyes holds bachelor's degrees in Psychology and Business Administration, as well as an MBA.

“Sosa, Kahn and Reyes each boast expertise and experience that will help Mi Casa strategically expand program offerings while planning for long-term sustainability,” says Christine Marquez-Hudson, CEO/Executive Director. “We look forward to tapping into their expertise and leadership to move Mi Casa forward in the areas of integrating program services and social enterprise.”

Though Mi Casa has offered Career, Business and Youth & Family Development programs for decades, the agency has been moving toward a model of service delivery that is more comprehensive and includes a variety of integrated services designed to address the root causes of poverty. In 2013, Mi Casa will continue to strengthen existing programs and expand services to achieve the goal of providing integrated services that reduce barriers to success for low-income families and lead to positive economic outcomes including employment and increased income and assets.

To ensure the long-term sustainability of programs and offset declining revenue from traditional sources, Mi Casa is also working on an innovative social enterprise strategy that complements the agency's mission of economic success. Mi Casa will launch TalentSource in 2013, a full-service staffing agency specializing in diverse and bilingual talent.

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About Mi Casa Resource Center: Mi Casa is one of the oldest and largest Latino-serving nonprofit organizations in Colorado. Mi Casa works to advance the economic success of Latino and other working families by expanding opportunities for educational, professional and entrepreneurial advancement through an integrated program strategy of Career, Business, and Youth & Family Development services. Learn more at www.MiCasaResourceCenter.org